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Field Offices of Rubber Board
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of field offices of Rubber Board functioning in the country, State-wise;
(b) whether the Government has any plan to enhance the number of field offices of Rubber Board in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has any data of such field offices closed down in the State of Kerala and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
(d) whether the Government has any plan to close down Rubber Board regional offices in Kerala or shifting Rubber Board from Kerala to some other State and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
(a) Details of state-wise number of Field Offices of Rubber Board functioning in the country are as under:

State	Number of Field Offices
Tamil Nadu	2
Kerala	111
Karnataka	6
Goa	1
Odisha	2
West Bengal	1
Assam	10
Tripura	10
Manipur	1
Meghalaya	5
Nagaland	2
Arunachal Pradesh	5
Mizoram	1
Total	157

(b) Major portion of new planting of rubber has been in non-traditional regions during the recent past and therefore it has been decided to open new Field Offices in non-traditional regions including the North East.
(c) The Board shifted/merged 26 Field Offices to adjacent Field/Regional offices in Kerala to save establishment expenses. The jurisdiction of Field Officers of the shifted/merged Field Offices continued to be same as before and there was no reduction in the number of Field Officers. Hence, there is no compromise in the services/facilities offered to rubber growers.
(d) Reorganisation of Regional Offices of the Rubber Board has been done to reduce establishment and operating expenses of the Board without compromising on the extension and other services rendered to growers. Regional Office (RO) of Rubber Board at Ernakulam was closed by merging with Muvattupuzha RO as rubber planted area in the service area of the Ernakulam RO substantially declined on account of urbanization. Development Offices (DO) are established at locations where ROs are reorganized for providing extension services and only administrative/general functions are merged with nearby ROs. The following ROs were reorganized.
â€¢ Kothamangalam RO merged with Muvattupuzha RO and a DO established at Kothamangalam.
â€¢ Kottayam RO merged with Changanacherry RO and a DO established at Kottayam.
There is no plan to shift Head Office of Rubber Board from Kerala.
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